

HINTERLAND COMMUNITY BAND – MUDGEERABA Inc

(Formed in October 1995)

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Incorporated Association Number: IA 17142

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7th JUNE 2018

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

This was a bit of a tough year. It will go down as the year of recovery.

As you will recall our last annual meeting was held at the Mormon Church hall because our hall was recovering from the great flood.

Although we have recovered in that we have new carpet, walls and filing cabinets we took a hit financially in that we were unable to rent the space during the recovery period. We also lost some of our regular renters because they needed to go elsewhere.

Kudos to Peter McHutchison who has got us back into the black

Unfortunately, our van was caught in the flood and had to be replaced. With the help of a federal grant engineered by Karen Andrews we were able to purchase a relatively new one fully operational.

We had a number of weather problems which curtailed our Concerts on the Green and which resulted in our moving the monthly concerts to the hall. Unfortunately, we have yet to make use of the facility but that becomes part of the future.

We have lost some very good people. Vic and Eliza have, for health and personal reasons, retired. Peter has moved and the distance problem has prompted his retirement.

I don't want to sound like all is gloom and doom.

Our performance at the annual Carols in the Park was great. We had a fantastic crowd of appreciative locals.

Our Australia Day concerts at the Museum and the Citizenship Ceremony were extremely well-received and while we got washed out on ANZAC Day the spirit was still there.

Something that many of you will be unaware of is that the Swing Band – which has always been an important part of the organisation – did 18 gigs over the past 12 months with venues ranging from jazz clubs, retirement villages and sports clubs. They are possibly the most active of our group but the least appreciated.

That was the year that was.

What of the future?

We have expanded the management committee. It now has 11 people with a balance of non-musicians, concert band people and swing band members.

Our goals are to expand our membership, seek new venues for concerts and expand our role in the community.

We are going to need help and you will find that you will be asked to participate not only at the musical but also the organisational level.

The band has been active for 22 years. It won't stop now and we expect the next 22 to be even bigger and better.

*President Bill Stinchcombe
7th June 2018*